

PEACE AT THE HEAD OF PROGRAM

CHICAGO CUT OFF BY BIG BLIZZARD

Thermometer Registers 14 Below—No Trains Moving. Business Paralyzed.

SOUTH ISOLATED BY STORM

Reports Meager Owing to Damaged Wires.

Sharp Drop in Nashville—Wind Sixty Miles Per Hour in Atlanta Area.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—Chicago is isolated from rail communication with the outside world by one of the worst blizzards in its history. Its business is paralyzed. With snow two feet on the level and swept into great drifts, trains are neither arriving nor leaving the city. Surface lines were scarcely able to move. Telegraph wires were in bad shape. No milk trains arrived, nor were coal wagons able to move 10 per cent. of the fuel needed. The thermometer dropped to 14 degrees below zero and a sharp wind from the northwest added to the suffering.

Nashville, Jan. 12.—After one of the worst nights in Nashville's history, the weather bureau at 7 o'clock this morning registered 10 degrees below zero, a fall of 43 degrees since yesterday at noon. There is six inches of snow on the ground and street car traffic is irregular.

ATLANTA FIVE ABOVE.

Atlanta, Jan. 12.—Georgia, South Carolina and Florida, practically isolated by severe wind and rainstorms yesterday and last night, still were without wire communication with the outside world today. Such meager reports as could be gathered from the wire and railroad companies this morning indicated that, with the exception of the loss of the St. Marks, Ala., and the loss of the Georgia, the storm would be confined to property. Early today the only wires operating out of Atlanta were to the west, and these worked only at intervals. The storm was accompanied by a sharp drop in temperature, the mercury here going to 5 degrees above zero. The wind attained a velocity of sixty miles an hour, while the barometer touched 29.08, the lowest on record at the local weather bureau office.

BIRMINGHAM ONE ABOVE.

Birmingham, Jan. 12.—With an inch of snow covering the ground and a minimum temperature of 1 degree above zero at 8 o'clock in Birmingham this morning, North Alabama is in the grip of the severest cold weather of winter season. Street car traffic is impeded but so far no property damage, or loss of life, has been reported in this section. Wire communication with the outside world is much less than in the past, and great property damage was reported last night, and interrupted and no additional information regarding the storm's toll in that section has been received.

MEMPHIS EIGHT BELOW.

Memphis, Jan. 12.—On the heels of the most severe blizzard in years Memphis shivered this morning with weather bureau thermometers recording a minimum of 8 degrees below zero, the coldest weather experienced here in thirty-two years.

SEVETREST FOR YEARS.

Sevrest, Jan. 12.—The coldest cold wave of many years gripped the country today from the Rocky mountains eastward to the Alleghenies, and will move on to the Atlantic coast tonight and Sunday. In a special bulletin today, the weather bureau said: "The cold wave will continue tonight and Sunday in the lake region, the Ohio valley and the south, and include the Middle Atlantic states and New England, with temperatures close to zero as far south as South Carolina. Temperatures below the freezing point are expected tonight in the southern limits of the Florida mainland. Moderation Tuesday. Severe gales will prevail over northern districts. The cold wave will moderate Sunday in the plain states and the southern valleys; on Monday in the upper lake region and on Tuesday in the east and south."

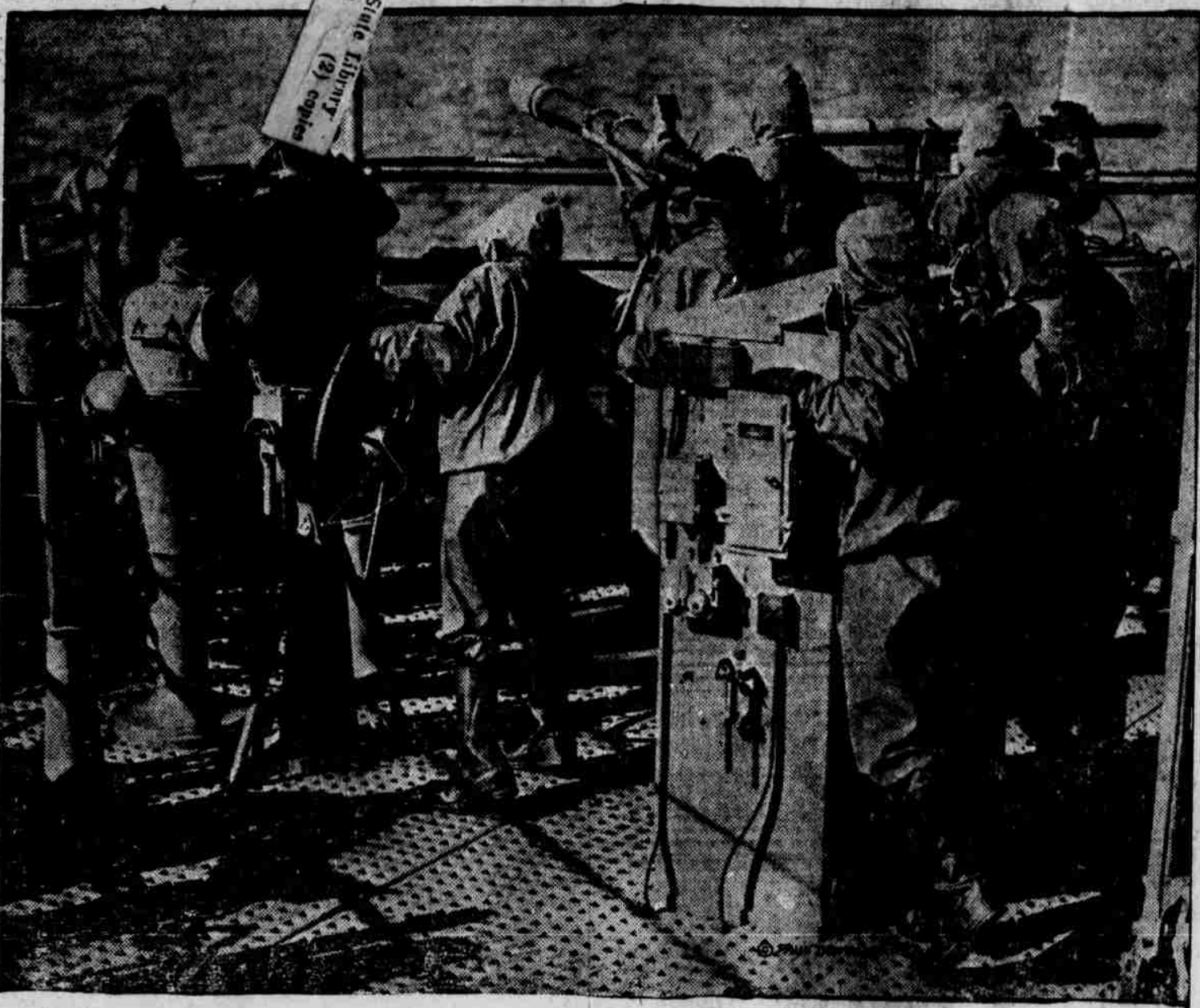
NEW ORLEANS AT 17 DEGREES.

New Orleans, Jan. 12.—The gulf coast states last night and early today experienced the coldest weather in about twenty years, according to the records of the weather bureau here. New Orleans recorded 17 degrees, the coldest January day since 1888, when the thermometer registered 15. On only three occasions in the history of the weather bureau have temperatures below 17 above been recorded here. Other low temperatures in the gulf states included: Shreveport 2 above; Alexandria, La., 3; Vicksburg, 4; Meridian, 5; Fort Worth, 7; Fort Arthur, 12.

COLDEST FOR HALF CENTURY.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—A blizzard, extending from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico and from the Rocky mountains to the Alleghenies and accompanied by low temperatures ranging from 37 degrees below zero at O'Neill, Neb., to 12 above at San Antonio, Tex., paralyzed steam railroad and street car traffic at many points today. Nebraska, it is said, experienced the coldest day in half a century, no point reporting to the weather bureau at Omaha showing a temperature as high as zero, while O'Neill turned in 37 below.

Periscope Sighted by Crew of One of Uncle Sam's Ships



"What happens when one of Uncle Sam's ships sights a periscope?" This picture is the answer. The sailors and gunners are at their places. The "man behind" the range-finder is busy in an instant. Next thing you know—"Boom!" And Uncle Sam's gunners are the best marksmen in the world. If a hit is scored, oil bubbles come up where the submarine went down. Note the officer at the rail, to the left of the range-finder, with his glasses up to observe the effect of the shot. This picture also shows that the men are well protected against the weather. Waterproof outfits, boots, hoods and, of course, warm woollens inside, keep them "warm as toast" in the most severe weather.

ALABAMA HARD HIT BY STORM

Six Children Killed by Collapse of Schoolhouse—Coal Shortage Intensifies Suffering.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 12.—With the entire south in the grip of its worst snow and sleet storm of the winter today, early reports showed that tornadoes which swept through eastern Alabama and central Georgia had taken a toll of sixteen lives and injured more than one hundred persons. Wire communication over a great area was paralyzed, scores of small towns in the interior being isolated, while Savannah, Charleston, Jacksonville and other cities along the South Atlantic coast were cut off from outside communication.

List of Deaths Follows.

The deaths and injuries reported early today were as follows: Cowarts, Ala., seven killed and twenty-five injured. Dothan, Ala., six children killed and forty injured in collapse of schoolhouse in country near Dothan. Webb, Ala., one killed and estimated seventy injured in destruction of store and other buildings. Troy, Ala., one killed and several injured. Macon, Ga., one killed at Camp Wheeler and several injured.

The cold wave that extended as far south as Florida was preceded by an unusually low barometric pressure, 28.88 being recorded at Knoxville late yesterday, while thunderstorms and lightning accompanied a heavy snowfall at Asheville, N. C.

Torrential Rains Reported.

The cold wave, combined with a virtual fuel famine in nearly every section of the south, was expected to add greatly to suffering already reported. Discomforts due to cold and torrential rains were reported from Camp Wheeler, Macon, Ga., and Camp Sheridan, Montgomery, Ala. The tornado, at Camp Wheeler, blew down some sixteen hospital tents containing about 150 patients, and heavy rains flooded other tents. Private Harris, of Atlanta, was reported killed in the collapse of the coral of the One Hundred and Twenty-second infantry, while the baseball and race track grandstands at the state fair grounds were badly damaged and the winter quarters of a circus demolished, many animals being killed. Lack of fuel is causing much suffering throughout this section. All coal dealers in Montgomery have cut out their telephones to keep from being annoyed. Not a ton of coal is in any yard this morning. The temperature dropped from 60 degrees yesterday afternoon to 12 this morning, and a stiff wind made it the most uncomfortable day experienced here this winter.

FOUR KILLED IN FUNSTON ROBBERY

Wounded Man Declares He Recognized Murderer as U. S. Army Captain, Well Acquainted With Banker Whom He Killed.

Camp Funston, Kan., Jan. 12.

Kearney Wornall, of Kansas City, the only survivor of five men who were in the army bank here last night when the institution was robbed, today told the authorities the robber was an army captain he recognized. It is understood he gave the official name.

"The murders were committed by a captain," Wornall is said to have told the authorities. "He wore no mask. He came into the bank and said he was short of money and had to do it. The man's face is familiar to me. Winters was well acquainted with him."

Military police within the cantonment and officers of surrounding towns and cities today were searching for the man or men who last night killed with axes four men and seriously wounded another in the army bank on the military reservation here and obtained as loot, yet unstated, an amount of money and liberty bonds. One of the robbers, it is stated, wore the uniform of a captain of the United States army. Army officers, however, do not believe a soldier was involved in commission of the crime. The bodies of the dead

men are said to have been literally hacked to pieces.

While Hands Were Tied.

Wornall declared that the man who robbed the bank murdered his victims with an ax while their hands were tied.

Covered With Revolver.

According to Wornall, an insistent knock at the door of the bank building about 8:30 o'clock last night caused the men in the bank to admit a man, who immediately covered them with a revolver. He then forced Wornall to tie the hands of the other members of the party, Wornall says, after which he tied Wornall's hands. Then, Wornall said, the robber, evidently realizing that he was recognized, seized upon the man who recovered consciousness he found his hands were not securely tied and managed to free himself and make his way from the building. He was discovered by a sentry wandering about the camp. Wornall was taken to the infirmary and a detail went to the bank building, where the four bodies were found.

The dead: C. Fuller Winters, vice-president of the National Reserve bank of Kansas City, Mo.; John W. Jewell, of Springfield, Mo., editor of the Camp Funston Trench and Camp, and associate owner with his father, H. S. Jewell, of the Springfield Leader.

COLD, SAYS BILLY 'POSSUM

Free up's their term appropriate. Grammatical or no, One simply cannot navigate. The shivers gets you so: I hope the chaps consolidate. Who claim they love cold weather. And sliver all in sympathy. And blow away together. The weather? Continue cold tonight, but slightly warmer Sunday.

City, Mo., Clerk in the Bank.

Kearney Wornall, cashier of the Army bank, was seriously wounded. When the murders and robbery was discovered, Wornall was the only one of the five victims conscious, but he had not been able to give a lucid story of the occurrence.

Sentry Heard Groans.

The robbery and murders occurred, it is believed, shortly after 7:30 o'clock last night. A half hour later a sentry heard groans and investigated. Mr. Winters was still alive. He was removed to the camp hospital, where he died early today.

Immediately a guard was thrown about the camp and all military passes were revoked. No one could go about the camp without being challenged and taken to the guardhouse. That fate befell several newspaper correspondents, it is reported, who attempted to obtain details.

Early today it was reported that an army officer with a police dog that is being trained for war work had followed a trail some distance to an interior car line. A man was said to have stated that he had seen four men, one carrying a heavy suitcase, board a car at that point early last night. That apparently was the only clue.

In Center of Cantonment.

The army bank, a branch of the National Reserve bank of Kansas City, Mo., is situated in the center of the huge cantonment. It is housed in a small frame building, and Mr. Winters was at the camp to supervise moving the bank to larger quarters.

Cold Aided Robbers.

Yesterday was the coldest day of the year at Camp Funston, the thermometer registering 22 degrees below zero, and it is said that as a result the number of sentries and guards had been reduced to the minimum. That circumstances, it is pointed out, undoubtedly acted as a material aid to the robber or robbers.

It also was pointed out that since it was after banking hours the uniform of an army officer was needed to gain unopposed entrance to the bank.

Perhaps \$10,000 Stolen.

William Huttig, president of the National Reserve bank of Kansas City, of which the army bank is a branch, early today said that most reports of the amount of money in the robbed bank had been exaggerated. He could not give the exact amount on hand, but said that, generally, it was \$10,000 to \$11,000.

WILSON CONDEMNED BY BOLSHEVIK NEWSPAPER

Petrograd, Jan. 11.—The bolshevik newspaper Pravda, in commenting on President Wilson's address to congress, described the president as the head of a rapacious American imperialism and as the greatest hypocrite history has ever known.

REMOVED CHANCE BREAK IN PARLEY

Russians Agreed to Central Powers' Demands for Sake of Continuing Negotiations for Much-Desired Peace.

Amsterdam, Jan. 12.—Referring to the objection raised by the central powers that the transfer of the negotiations to Stockholm or some other neutral point requested by Russia might enable the entente nations to interfere, M. Trotsky said the bolshevik government has been consistent and independent in its peace policy and that there was no reason to assume entente diplomacy would be able to oppose the conclusion of peace more successfully on neutral soil than in Petrograd.

Moreover, M. Trotsky continued, the Russian delegation could not pass over another point which had been demanded by the German chancellor, Count Von Hertling.

"I refer," he said, "to the portion of Count Con Hertling's statement (before the reichstag main committee) in which he referred, in addition to Germany's just intention to Germany's powerful position (Machtstellung). The Russian delegation cannot deny and does not intend to deny that its country, owing to the policy of the classes until recently in power, has been weakened. The world position of a country is not determined by its technical apparatus alone, but also by its inherent possibilities—as indeed Germany's economic strength should not be judged by her present conditions and means of supply.

"The Russian government, however, wrote the word peace at the head of its program. The great sympathies of the Russian people for the peoples of the allies strengthen the desire to attain the speediest peace based on an understanding among the peoples.

"To remove from the quadruple alliance a pretext for breaking off the peace negotiations on technical grounds the Russian delegation accepts the demand to remain in Brest-Litovsk in order not to leave unutilized any possibility in the fight for peace. In renouncing proposal regarding the transfer of negotiations to neutral soil the Russian delegation proposes continuation of the negotiations.

U. S. MUNITIONS HEAD NOT NEEDED

Baker Disapproves Establishment—Sharp Questioning Continued by Senators

Washington, Jan. 12.—Establishment of a munitions director was disapproved today by Secretary Baker in testifying before the senate military committee, who said the reorganization of the war department is virtually similar to the British munitions purchasing system.

Secretary Baker came in for more sharp cross-examination today at the hands of the senate military committee conducting the war inquiry. At the outset the committee demanded to know what had been done about 1,200 Lewis machine guns held in storage while cantonments and camps needed them for practice.

Too Much Delay.

Secretary Baker promised that they immediately would be distributed and Senator Weeks observed that the distribution had been delayed a month.

"That is the essence of this whole thing," said Senator Weeks. "There is delay, too much delay."

NEW ADMIRALTY BOARD CAUSES NO SENSATION

London, Jan. 12.—The new admiralty board is announced officially. There is nothing sensational or dramatic about the list of names and only one naval member of the board was not serving at the admiralty when Admiral Sir J. R. Jellicoe was the head. Admiral Sir R. Fremantle, who becomes deputy chief of staff to Vice-Admiral Sir Rosslyn Wemyss, the new first sea lord, is the new member.

Archibald S. Hurd, the naval critic, says it is apparent that no revolutionary disturbance of the main lines of naval policy is indicated. He adds that behind the new board is the reorganization of war staff for which some of the most brilliant young officers have been chosen.

SENT GUNS TO MEXICO UNDER EYES OF OFFICERS

Probe in Progress at Los Angeles—Zogg Admits Shipment From California.

Los Angeles, Jan. 12.—Knowledge of a successful shipment of machine guns from a Southern California port to Mexico was admitted today by Nicholas Senn Zogg, when he and two others were up for preliminary examination before a United States commissioner on charges filed by army intelligence officers. Zogg said the "shipment" was made four months ago "under the very eyes of federal authorities."

HEAVY SEA DRIVES TAMPA-CUBAN LINE BOAT ASHORE

Tampa, Fla., Jan. 12.—A Peninsular and Occidental steamer, plying between here and Cuba, went aground on the Cuban coast last night and is still fast. A steamer and a tug are standing by. A heavy sea is running and officials of the company here assume the passengers were taken off, but have had no direct information.

NOT TO LEAVE STONE UNTURNED IN FIGHT

Amsterdam, Jan. 12.—Leon Trotsky, bolshevik foreign minister to the conference at Brest-Litovsk, yesterday said that in order not to leave any possibility in the fight for peace unutilized, the Russian delegation accepted the demand that the negotiations be continued at Brest-Litovsk.

The chairman of the Russian delegation said that in full accord with their former resolution, the Russians desired to continue the peace negotiations, quite apart from the fact whether or not the entente powers participated. Trotsky said he had noted the statement of the central powers that the basis of a general peace as formulated in their declaration of Dec. 27, was null and void and said: "We adhere to the principles of democratic peace as proclaimed by us."

GEN. CHAS. G. MORTON'S HEADQUARTERS BURNED

Soldiers at Camp McClellan Shiver With Cold but Continue Routine Work.

(Special to The News.) Anniston, Ala., Jan. 12.—With the drill fields covered with more than an inch of snow, soldiers under quarantine of the blue and gray division at Camp McClellan, went through the usual Saturday morning routine. Drill followed the usual inspection despite the fact that the mercury went to 3 degrees above zero. The soldiers of Camp McClellan slept comfortably in their tents with good fires Friday night. No suffering has been reported. The private quarters of Maj-Gen. Chas. G. Morton, commander of Camp McClellan were destroyed by fire at 10 o'clock this morning. The fire is believed to have originated from a defective fuse. Frozen hydrants prevented attendants from extinguishing the blaze. Much of the furnishings were lost, but all of Gen. Morton's official papers and records were saved.

EXTENSION U-BOAT ZONE AROUSES ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires, Jan. 12.—A number of Argentine newspapers consider that the extension of the German barred zone recently announced which include the trade routes between South America and Europe is an unfriendly act toward this country. The papers renew their demands that the government sever relations with Germany.

COLD WAVE GRIPS ALL OF NORTH ALABAMA

(Special to The News.) Huntsville, Jan. 12.—The severest weather in several years grips North Alabama today and fuel is short in nearly every town. The temperature was 6 degrees below zero. This morning all through trains are running many hours late.

THREE OCEAN STEAMERS ASHORE AT NEWPORT NEWS

Newport News, Va., Jan. 12.—The sixty-mile gale which swept the coast last night, drove three ocean steamers aground in the harbor here. The ships are hard fast but none is thought to be in serious danger. While the storm has tied up shipping at this port, no serious damage has been reported.